## Fourteen Ways to Cultivate Happiness

- 1. meet the commitments or obligations I've set out for my self;
- 2. take responsibility for my actions (the good and the not so good ones);
- 3. use expressions such as «I can do it if I put my mind to it», «I will succeed», «I am happy to…», «Thank you»…
- 4. avoid comparing my self to others, and acknowledge my self-worth;
- 5. maintain my sense of humour;
- 6. take responsibility for my actions, not those of others;
- 7. please my self by saying "yes" to my self, my tastes, my needs, my wants, my desires, my wishes;
- 8. accept help from others, and offer mine to others when able to do so:
- 9. view my own needs as being important and valid;
- 10. compliment my self regularly, and accept compliments from others;
- 11. try to deal with changes that present to me in my daily life;
- 12. do my best... nothing more... nothing less:
- 13. live in the here-and-now, savour my successes, forgive my self for my mistakes, and thrive thanks to them.
- 14. have *compassion* for my *self* and for others.

## Fourteen Ways to Maintain Unhappiness

- 1. wait for others to make me happy;
- 2. blame others for my mishaps;
- 3. use expressions like «if only I could have...» time, money, friends...
- 4. compare what I have with what others have:
- 5. be always serious;
- 6. be (feel) always responsible for everything;
- 7. try to please everyone (by not saying «no» to other's requests and «yes» to my own);
- 8. help others and not accept help from others:
- 9. view my own needs as being unimportant;
- 10. reject compliments that I get from others;
- 11. resist change right to the end;
- 12. try to achieve (absolute) perfection;
- 13. live in the past or future, but not the present, focus on my mistakes, and remain stuck;
- 14. have no *compassion* for my *self* or for others.

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